GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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DECONTROL OF SUGAR
SRINIVASULU KALAVA

Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether after decontrol of sugar completely prices of it have increased substantially in the open market;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to ensure the price of sugar does not increase exorbitantly and is available in market at reasonable price?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (S SREENIVASA PRASAD)

(a),(b)&(c): No, Sir. The sugar is yet to be decontrolled. However, the open market prices of free sale sugar have not increased, as evident from the behaviour of wholesale prices of S-30 grade sugar in the four principal markets of the country viz. Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai. The wholesale prices of said grade of sugar in April, 2002 are in the range of Rs.1400-Rs.1580 per quintal in the said four principal markets, which are lower as compared to Rs.1420-1620 per quintal in April, 2001.